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REMARKS

In accordance with the foregoing, claims 16-22 and 26-27 are cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer.

Claims 1-15 and 23-25 are pending and under consideration.

In item 7 of the Office Action indicates that claims 1-15 and 23-25 are allowed. (Action at page 7). Applicant thanks the Examiner for this indication of allowable subject matter

CONCLUSION

There being no further outstanding objections or rejections, it is submitted that the application is in condition for allowance. An early action to that effect is courteously solicited.

Finally, if there are any formal matters remaining after this response, the Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned to attend to these matters.

If there are any additional fees associated with filing of this Amendment, please charge the same to our Deposit Account No. 19-3935.

Respectfully submitted,

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